

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

The Table 6 on page 21 is amended to remove the “Timing” row as follows:

**Table 6 Calculating Communication Strengths**

| Step Function | Maximum (= 10)  | Average (= 5)  | Low = (1)   |
|---------------|---|--|---|
| Timing        | <b>if Time &gt; maximum</b>                                   | <b>if Time = average</b>                                   | <b>if Time &lt; minimum</b>                                 |
| Frequency     | if frequency ><br>maximum rate of<br>small messages on<br>bus | if frequency =<br>average rate of small<br>messages on bus | if frequency <= minimum<br>rate of small messages on<br>bus |
| Bandwidth     | if data size ><br>maximum bus<br>capacity                     | if data size = average<br>bus capacity                     | if data size <= minimum<br>bus capacity                     |